

A pair of hands is shown holding a small, round, green moss ball. Overlaid on the image is a circular diagram with a dashed line and several icons. The icons include a house, a recycling symbol, a wind turbine, a water drop, a lightbulb, a globe, and a plug. The text "SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT STEWARDSHIP POLICY" is written in large, bold, white capital letters across the center of the image.

SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT STEWARDSHIP POLICY

Freebridge
COMMUNITY HOUSING



Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship Policy			
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Responsible Officer	Chief Finance & Technology Officer		

Policy Statement: Freebridge recognises the ever-increasing threat to the environment and aims to protect this by promoting and practising sustainable stewardship of natural and environmentally friendly resources. We will seek to reduce the negative environmental impacts on our tenants and in our own business activities, in particular those relating to;

- Our construction and maintenance.
- Our offices, including the use of energy, water and waste, as well as the goods and services we chose for our offices, including office supplies, furniture, ICT and electronic equipment.
- Our communication materials, including our overall use of resources.
- Our overall impact on our carbon footprint, mitigated by the use of green spaces, tree planting and community-based net zero carbon projects.

Through using Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) ratings within our database, we aim to achieve a minimum, average EPC rating of D across our stock by 2030 and an EPC rating of C by 2035, in order to ensure that properties have both low running costs for our tenants, and to help reduce carbon emissions. This work will be targeted at the lowest efficiency properties first and is fully funded in our business plan.

We shall also seek to provide information and support to our tenants, customers and staff to increase awareness of how their behaviours impact on the environment and how they can be changed.

This policy will be reviewed annually or earlier if required by regulatory or organisational change.